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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Bill Clinton  
President of the United States  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

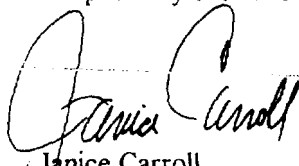
RE: Council Resolution No. 5-6-97-300  
Urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to Act Immediately to Complete and  
Implement the Recommendations from the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Commission, and to  
Urge the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the FCC to Immediately  
Reserve 25 Megahertz of Broadcast Channels 60 to 69 for Exclusive Use of State and Local  
Government Public Safety Agencies

Dear Mr. President:

The City of Irving, Texas, along with other municipalities throughout Texas, is concerned  
over the United States government's actions to auction broadcast spectrums to fund  
federal programs. It is of primary importance to us to have adequate broadcast channels  
so we may continue to provide ample services to insure public safety. We, therefore,  
appeal to you to support our position.

The Mayor and City Council members passed the attached resolution on May 6, 1997. We  
need your support in helping us to continue to serve the citizens of our community. We  
ask that you share and support our concerns with the legislature, and to defer any action  
to auction broadcast spectrums to fund federal programs.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Janice Carroll  
City Secretary  
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Copy: Hon. U.S. Senator Phil Gramm  
Hon. U.S. Rep. Joe L. Barton  
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Hon. State Senator Jane Nelson  
Hon. State Rep. Steve Wolens  
Hon. State Rep. Will Hartnett  
Hon. Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Sandy Cash, Deputy City Manager  
Don Rorschach, City Attorney  
Cathy Cunningham, Sr. Asst. City Atty.

Hon. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson  
Hon. U.S. Rep. Dick Armey  
Hon. State Senator Florence Shapiro  
Hon. State Rep. Ken Marchant  
Hon. State Rep. Ray Allen  
Hon. Judge Lee F. Jackson, Dallas County  
Steve McCullough, City Manager  
Federal Communications Commission  
Patricia Landers, Director/Communications

CITY OF IRVING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5-6-97-300

WHEREAS, concerns about public safety continue to be a prevailing interest of the American public and the local governments where they reside; and

WHEREAS, the President and Congress are proposing to auction broadcast spectrum to fund numerous programs; and

WHEREAS, broadcast spectrum is a finite resource critical to the ability of police, fire, emergency rescue, and disaster agencies to communicate in the event of a natural disaster, a crime, a fire or bombing, or any other serious incident jeopardizing lives and property in counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of broadcast spectrum is fundamental to the ability of emergency response agencies to communicate together to ensure a timely response when lives are at stake, and changes in allocations can force counties and cities to spend hundreds of millions of dollars for the purchase of equipment compatible with different bands of the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, broadcast spectrum is critical to counties' and cities' efforts to ensure and protect public safety communications and, therefore, their spectrum allocation needs will also increase; and

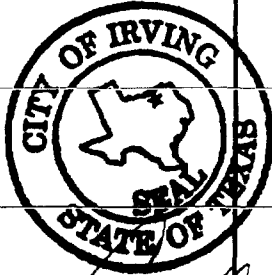
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Commission (PSWAC), established by Congress in 1993 and charged to design a plan for public safety telecommunication needs through the year 2010, has specifically found that states and local governments have less than 50 percent of the spectrum currently necessary to effectively protect property and lives in communities and far less than will be required to address public safety needs between now and the year 2010;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS:

SECTION I. THAT the City Council hereby urges 1) the Federal Communications Commission to act immediately to complete and implement the recommendations from the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Commission; 2) the President, Congress, and FCC to immediately reserve 25 megahertz of broadcast channels 60 to 69 for exclusive use of state and local government public safety agencies; and 3) the FCC to act on a long-term plan to meet public safety needs affecting cities between now and the year 2010.

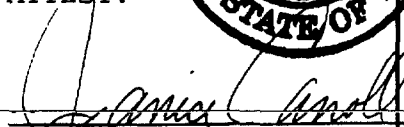
SECTION II. THAT this resolution shall take effect from and after its final date of passage, and it is accordingly so ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, this 6th day of May, A.D., 1997.



  
MORRIS H. PARRISH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Janice Carroll, CMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Don J. Horschach  
City Attorney